

To: The FCC

The AT&T purchase of T-Mobile reduces competition, increases corporate control over consumers, and does not help the Obama plan to blanket Americans with mobile broadband any more than if the companies continued operating separately.

AT&T complains of overcrowded bandwidth - this is their problem to deal with, they should not be able to take over T-Mobile's less congested frequencies because of poor business strategy.

In addition, AT&T comments that buying out a national carrier does not reduce competition. In actuality, it does: especially so for international markets and global consumers and businesses who rely on the GSM technology, which is by far the more popular wireless technology choice outside America. With T-Mobile gone, AT&T will be the de-facto (and hence national monopoly) GSM wireless carrier. This significantly reduces their competition on the national stage. Considering there are few MVNO's and regional carriers who use GSM, it also reduces competition significantly overall.

T-Mobile is widely accepted by consumers to be a price-conscious, high-value wireless carrier. It operates on lower monthly plan rates than both AT&T and Verizon, and uses this as a marketing strategy. Without this, price-conscious consumers have no choice after their contracts have completed, to either move off their well loved network, or move under full AT&T control.

Bandwidth is a scarce resource, but it can be freed as different services become obsolete. It is a shame that AT&T did not anticipate this congestion, but it should not fall to T-Mobile, its customers or consumers in general to correct their choices. The deal should not go through.

Yours,
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